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In re Application of
Saito : DECISION GRANTING
Application No. 08/846,661 : PETITION
Filed: April 29, 1997 :
Attorney Docket No. 58800.930CIP :
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This is a decision on the petition filed December 2, 1997, which is properly treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.10(c), requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of April 29, 1997 rather than the presently accorded filing date of May 1, 1997.

Petitioner alleges that the application was deposited in Express Mail service on April 29, 1997. In support, on December 2, 1997, applicant supplied a copy of Express Mail receipt No. EM100740755US (the same Express Mail number found on the original application papers located in the official file) showing a "date in" of April 29, 1997.

In view of the above, the petition is granted. The petition fee will be refunded.

The application is being forwarded to the Office of Finance for crediting the \$130 petition fee to counsel's deposit account no. 08-1520.

The application will then be returned to Initial Patent Examination Division for correction of the filing date to April 29, 1997.

Thereafter, the application will be forwarded to Technology Center 2700 for examination in due course.

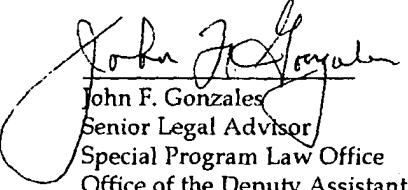
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